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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group: 3733 }
Confirmation No.: 2189 }
Application No.: 10/058,495 }
Invention: COMPOSITE PROSTHETIC }
BEARING HAVING A }
CROSSLINKED ARTICULATING }
SURFACE AND METHOD FOR }
MAKING THE SAME }
Applicant: Richard King et al. }
Filed: January 28, 2002 }
Attorney }
Docket: 265280-68002 }
Examiner: A. Ramana }

SUBMITTED ON: June 21, 2006

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of March 21, 2006, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.